

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Palmer****Project Title:**

Palmer - Felton Street Upgrade Project

State Funding Requested: \$ 688,224
One-Time Need**House District: 13 - G****Brief Project Description:**

Widen Felton Street; provide sidewalks and a bike path from the intersection of Felton Street and the P-W Highway south approximately one quarter mile along the Felton Street alignment.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$688,224**Funding Secured*Amount FY*Other Pending Requests*Amount FY*Anticipated Future Need*Amount FY*

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Gravel roads within the city limits of Palmer comprise 10 miles of the 26 miles of city roads maintained by Public Works. The City proposes to asphalt pave Felton Street, to construct sidewalks and improve the intersection at the Palmer Wasilla Highway. The City acquired the right-of-way for this project in 2007 and requires additional funding for construction.

The City proposed to pave gravel roads to reduce maintenance costs and ambient dust. The maintenance requirements are higher for gravel roads than asphalt paved roads and, dust created by gravel roads is a public health issue. Gravel roads require frequent grading, new material must be imported to fill pot holes and improve the grader operations. The Palmer area is subject to winds from both the Matanuska and Knik River Drainages. The contribution to dust in the community from gravel streets will be reduced by paving these roads. Ambient dust is a public health issue. This project is essential to public health and safety. Additionally, this project will benefit all residents in the City of Palmer by reducing the maintenance requirements of city streets and street lights.

Project Timeline:

2008

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

City of Palmer

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No